under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme during the last three years is as under:
(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance released
1998-99	4.00
1999-2000	33.00
2000-2001	Nil

(b) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has reported an expenditure of Rs. 3.52 lakhs during the year 2000-2001.

No expenditure has been reported during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

News-Item "Anti-Poverty Schemes Run Down the Drains with Funds"

141. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Anti-Poverty Schemes run down the drains with funds" published in the Hindustan Times, dated 18th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have since identified the reasons for the huge funds sanctioned for poverty alleviation programmes not reaching their destination;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.